

Arkansas

The options for eligibility for the 2006-07 school year for a student from Arkansas are:

- ***The Arkansas Academic Challenge Core Curriculum***
- ***The State Scholars Initiative requirements.*** This program, currently offered in Arkansas and thirteen other States and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education. The requirements for the Arkansas Scholars Program include:
 - Four units of English;
 - Three units of math (at least one (1) in algebra or its equivalent and one (1) unit of geometry or its equivalent. All units must build on the base of algebra and geometry base knowledge and skills. A two-year algebra equivalent and a two-year geometry equivalent may be counted as two units of the three (3) unit requirement.);
 - Three units of science (at least one (1) in biology or its equivalent and one (1) in a physical science);
 - Three units of social studies (at least one (1) unit of world history, one (1) unit of U.S. history, and one half (1/2) unit of civics or government); and
 - Complete the balance of state mandated high school graduation requirements.
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of Math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Data Analysis and Statistics);
 - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - One year of a foreign language.
- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
- ***Arkansas Coursework Option.*** This program requires passing grades in the following:
 - Four units of English;
 - Three units of math (at least one (1) in algebra or its equivalent and one (1) unit of geometry or its equivalent. All units must build on the base of algebra and geometry base knowledge and skills. A two-year algebra equivalent and a two-year geometry equivalent may be counted as two units of the three (3) unit requirement.);
 - Three units of science (at least one (1) in biology or its equivalent and one (1) in a physical science);
 - Three units of social studies (at least one (1) unit of world history, one (1) unit of U.S. history, and one half (1/2) unit of civics or government); and
 - Complete the balance of state mandated high school graduation requirements.